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SUBJECT: ECONOMIC INDICATORS OF SMALLER OECD COUNTRIES, FINLAND

REF: 76 HELSINKI 2509

1. THIS IS THE EMBASSY'S FIFTEENTH REPORT OF SIX BROAD
CATEGORIES OF ECONOMIC INDICATORS FOR FINLAND.

(A) OUT PUT AND DEMAND

1. INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION, MONTHLY, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED
(1970 BASE)

MAR 77	DEC 77	MAR 78	PERCENT CHANGE
110	124	123	11.8

2. GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT, QUARTERLY (1975 BASE)
CY 76 CY 77 PERCENT CHANGE
100.75 100.25 -0.5

3. RETAIL SALES VOLUME, UNADJUSTED (1972 BASE)

FEB 77	DEC 77	FEB 78	PERCENT CHANGE
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95	137	92	-3.2
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4. OUTPUT OF WOOD, PAPER AND PAPER PRODUCTS, SEASONALLY
ADJUSTED (1970 BASE)

MAR 77	DEC 77	MAR 78	PERCENT CHANGE
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84 95 97 15.5

5. OUTPUT OF METAL AND METAL PRODUCTS, SEASONALLY
ADJUSTED (1970 BASE)

123 139 133 8.1

6. OUTPUT OF CONSUMER GOODS, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (1970
BASE)

132 140 129 -2.3

(B) PRICE INDICES

1. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (1972 BASE)

MAY 77 DEC 77 MAY 78 PERCENT CHANGE

194.3 204.1 211.3 8.8

2. WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX (1949 BASE)

688 705 721 4.8

3. EXPORT PRICE INDEX (1949 BASE)

771 784 779 1.0

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(C) MONEY SUPPLY (REVISED SERIES BY THE BANK OF FINLAND)

1. M1, MILLIONS OF FINNMARKS

FEB 77 DEC 77 FEB 78 PERCENT CHANGE

9,398 9,872 10,137 7.9

2. M1 PLUS QUASI MONEY, MILLIONS OF FINNMARKS

47,255 52,581 53,709 13.7

3. INTEREST RATES

A. BANK OF FINLAND DISCOUNT RATE: 7.25 PERCENT.

B. RANGE OF RATE FOR OTHER CREDITS GRANTED BY THE
BANK OF FINLAND: 5.5 TO 8.5 PERCENT.

C. DEPOSIT WITH CREDIT INSTITUTIONS PERCENT

TERM	3.25
6 MONTH	4.25
12 MONTH	5.50
24 MONTH	6.50

36 MONTH 7.25

D. HIGHEST LENDING RATE FOR ANY FINANCIAL INSTITUTION: 10.5 PERCENT.

NOTE: BANK OF FINLAND SETS INTEREST RATES AND ABOVE RATES HAVE BEEN EFFECTIVE SINCE MAY 1, 1978.

(D) CENTRAL GOVERNMENT

1. EXPENDITURES, MILLIONS OF FINNMARKS

END MAR 77	END DEC 77	END MAR 78	PERCNET CHANGE
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8,283	34,826	8,722	5.3
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2. REVENUE, MILLIONS OF FINNMARKS

7,300	34,747	8,505	16.5
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3. DEFICIT OR SURPLUS, MILLIONS OF FINNMARKS

- 983	-79	- 217	77.8
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(E) LABOR

1. TOTAL EMPLOYMENT, THOUSANDS.

MAR 77	DEC 77	MAR 78	PERCENT CHANGE
2,030	2,029	2,007	- 1.1

2. UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

6.1	7.2	8.5	2.4
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3. WAGE INDEX, QUARTERLY (1964 BASE)

Q.1 77	Q.4 77	Q.1 78	PERCENT CHANGE
411	445	446	8.5

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(F) TRADE AND PAYMENTS

1. EXPORT VALUE, CUSTOMS BASIS, MILLIONS OF FINNMARKS
(FOB)

END APR 77	END DEC 77	END APR 78	PERCENT CHANGE
9,091	30,931	10,678	17.5

A. EXPORTS TO US, MILLIONS OF FINNMARKS (FOB)

END APR 77	END DEC 77	END APR 78	PERCENT CHANGE
405	1,730	518	27.9

B. U.S. PERCENTAGE SHARE OF FINNISH EXPORTS

4.5	5.6	4.9	0.4
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2. IMPORT VALUE, MILLIONS OF FINNMARKS (CIF)

END APR 77	END DEC 77	END APR 78	PERCENT CHANGE
8,956	30,708	9,808	9.5

A. IMPORTS FROM US, MILLIONS OF FINNMARKS (CIF)

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B. U.S. PERCENTAGE SHARE OF FINNISH IMPORTS

5.5	4.7	5.1	- 0.4
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3. EXPORT VOLUME, QUARTERLY, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

(1975 BASE)

Q.1 77	Q.4 77	Q.1 78	PERCENT CHAGE
130	119	130	0

4. IMPORT VOLUME, QUARTERLY, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (1975 BASE)

Q.1 77	Q.4 77	Q.1 78	PERCENT CHANGE
87	80	84	- 3.4

5. CURRENT ACCOUNT, MILLIONS OF FINNMARKS

1976	1977	PERCENT CHAGE
-4,507	- 774	82.8

6 FOREIGN EXCHANGE RESERVES, MILLIONS OF FINNMARKS

END MAY 77	END DEC 77	END MAY 78	PERCENT CHANGE
1,113	1,549	3,558	219.7

7. EXTERNAL DEBT (NET FOREIGN INDEBTEDNESS), MILLIONS OF FINNMARKS (PUBLIC AND PRIVATE DEBT)

1976	1977
23,041	27,020

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8. LONG-TERM FOREIGN BORROWING, MILLIONS OF FINNMARKS

END DEC 76	END DEC 77	PERCENT CHANGE
6,130	6,454	5.3

(G) 1978 ECONOMIC FORECASTS

PERCENT CHANGE

(1)	(2)
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GDP	0.5	1.5	
IMPORTS	-1.0	-4.5	
EXPORTS	3	5	
PRIVATE CONSUMPTION		0.5	-1.5
PUBLIC CONSUMPTION		3.5	3.5
PRIVATE INVESTMENTS		-7	-5.5
PUBLIC INVESTMENTS		1	-1
PRICE INCREASES		8	8.5
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (PERCENT)	8		7.8
TRADE BALANCE (FMK BIL.)	0.4		2.8

CURRENT ACCOUNT (FMK BIL.) -0.5 1.5

FORECASTS PREPARED BY:

(1) MINISTRY OF FINANCE, APRIL 1978.

(2) ECONOMIC RESEARCH INSTITUTE OF FINNISH COMMERCE
AND INDUSTRY (ETLA), MAY 1978.

RATE OF EXCHANGE: US \$1.00 EQUALS FMK 3.864, AVERAGE

SELLING RATE FOR 1976.

US \$1.00 EQUALS FMK 4.029, AVERAGE

SELLING RATE FOR 1977.

US \$1.00 EQUALS FMK 4.298, SELLING

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RATE ON JUNE 15, 1978.

(H) SOURCES USED IN (A) THROUGH (F):

(1) CENTRAL STATISTICAL OFFICE OF FINLAND
BULLETIN OF STATISTICE.

(2) BANK OF FINLAND MONTHLY BULLETIN.

(I) ALL PERCENTAGE CHANGES ARE FOR 12 MONTHS PRECEDING REPORTING
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